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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMPLAINT OVER INCIDENTS AT SMUN, SOVIET COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE AND OTHER SOVIET FACILITIES IN NEW YORK.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE DATED MARCH 15, 1977 FROM SMUN COMPLAINING ABOUT VARIOUS ANTI-SOVIET INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS IN MARCH 1977. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SOVIET NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM THE RUSSIAN

USSR PERMANENT MISSION NOTE NBR 163, 3/15/77, TO USUN:

"THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOR TO DRAW THE MISSION'S ATTENTION TO HOSTILE ACTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN RECENTLY AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND ITS RIVERDALE HOUSING COMPLEX.
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"DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1 TO 14 ALONE, SEVERAL PROVOCATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS NEAR THE USSR MISSION BUILDING AND ITS RIVERDALE HOUSING COMPLEX HAVE TAKEN PLACE, IN WHICH THE DEOMONSTRATORS THREW STONES AND OTHER OBJECTS AT THE MISSION BUILDING AND ONTO THE RIVERDALE COMPLEX PROPERTY, SHRIEKING INSULTING OATHS AND THREATS AND DISTURBING NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS OF THE USSR

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MISSION AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF SOVIET OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK.

"DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, CRIMINAL ACTS WERE ALSO COMMITTEE AGAINST OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK. ON MARCH 3, 1977, A GROUP OF STRNAGERS TRESPASSED THE PREMISES OF AMTORG, AND FOR MORE THAN 2 HOURS HINDERED THE WORK OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT. DESPITE REPEATED APPEALS TO THE POLICE, THEY TOOK NO STEPS WHATEVER FOR THE SPEEDY EXPLUSION OF THESE PERSONS.

"FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED AT THE AEROFLOT OFFICE ON 5TH AVENUE, INCLUDING PICKETING, WHICH ARE INTERFERING WITH THE NORMAL WORK OF THIS SOVIET ESTABLISHMENT.

"ON MARCH 13, 1977, A GROUP OF HOOLIGANS STRUCK A WINDOW OF THE INTOURIST OFFICE ON 49TH STREET, THUS CAUSING MATERIAL DAMAGE TO THIS INSTALLATION.

"ON MARCH 13, A SHOT WAS FIRED INTO THE WINDOW OF THE APARTMENT IN WHICH A SOVIET CITIZEN WORKING FOR THE UN SECRETARIAT LIVES.

"ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 14, A MISSION BUS TRAVELLING FROM RIVERDALE TO THE MISSION WAS HIT BY STONES, AS A RESULT OF WHICH THREE SIDE WINDOWS WERE BROKEN.

"THIS ALL EVIDENCES THE FACT THAT HOSTILE ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE ONCE AGAIN BEING ACTIVATED AND BROADENING, WHICH ARE CREATING INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF THE USSR
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MISSION TO THE UN AS WELL AS OTHER SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK.

"CONSIDERING THE REPEATED OFFICIAL ASSURANCES OF THE US MISSION TO THE UN ON THE TAKING OF STEPS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CESSATION OF CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND OTHER SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK, THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN INSISTS THAT THE NECESSARY EFFECTIVE STEPS BE TAKEN BY THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES FOR THE CREATION AND MAINTANANCE OF NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN, OTHER SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK AND THEIR PERSONNEL.

"THE MISSION WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR HOSTILE ACTS IN THE FUTURE."

"NEW YORK, MARCH 15, 1977"

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2. WITH REGARD TO INCIDENT AT INTOURIST, WE HAVE BEEN IN-
FORMED THAT EIGHT DEFENDANTS ARRESTED IN CASE HAVE APPEARED
AT HEARING IN NEW YORK CITY CRIMINAL COURT. CASES OF FIVE
INDIVIDUALS WERE ADJOUNRED CONTEMPLATING DISMISSAL (ACD).
TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED WITHOUT BOND FOR FUTURE COURT
APPEARANCES. ONE INDIVIDUAL POSTED $100.00 BOND AND WAS
RELEASED FOR FUTURE COURT APPEARANCE. ATTORNEY FOR INTOURIST
HAS INFORMED USUN THAT HE HAS SO FAR NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN
PERSUADING MANAGER OF INTOURIST TO ALLOW INTOURIST PERSONNEL
TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES IN COURT.

3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON CASE
FROM DISTRICT ATTORNYE'S OFFICE. WE ARE ALSO CHECKING ON
OTHER CHARGES MADE IN SOVIET NOTE.
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